

# Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

## December 2015

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## Words From The East

A few months ago, Brother Dan Marr, stood up in the Lodge room and presented his idea of a community service project. He suggested that instead of reaching out into the community we look inward at our community and reach out to our Brothers that may need a helping hand. His idea, was to create an Odd Jobs team. The Odd Job's team is a team of Brothers that would travel within the length of their cable tow and help other members of the Lodge with whatever they needed help with. He compiled a list of Brothers that could help with everything from raking leaves to light construction.

This week the Odd Job's team set out on its maiden voyage. We changed a battery, tightened a railing, did a little drywall work, and touched up some paint.

The tasks, although simple and easy to accomplish are much more important than they seem. The Odd Job's team is everything that Masonry should be. In a world where everything is all about the individual, something as simple as helping a brother out is more important than ever.

If we implemented more of these types of activities I believe that more brothers would find the time to participate.

Brethren, when I started my year I challenged each of the officers to plan a visit to another Lodge, plan a social event, and to plan a community outreach project. To my disappointment there was very little follow through. However, there were a couple of officers that embraced the challenges and followed through with the tasks. I am so proud of you guys! Please, keep that fire burning. Don't focus on those that don't do or won't do because you will burn yourself out. Pace yourself.

A wise past master told me that you have to think in terms of years when it comes to Masonry and he is right. We were able to do two community service projects and maybe next year we'll do four, and so on and so forth. By the time next year's Junior Steward is in the East, the Lodge will be so active they won't know what to do with themselves.

Take care of the Lodge my Brothers, for it is an oasis. Make it a priority in your life, or don't. Either way. Be honest with your intentions. If you aren't going to learn the ritual or show up at an event just say so. Just remember that there are others counting on you. Take that seriously. Remember your obligations.

Brother Geoff, good luck. I have heard some of your plans and I admire your fire. There are three things that you can do that will make your year a success. The first one is to always play nice with your Secretary. He can be a wise and valuable asset if you play nice. So play nice. The second thing that I suggest is that you attend Temple Craft and make it relevant again. I screwed that up and I paid dearly. This is actually tied to the first thing. Thirdly, is to ask for help. You can't do everything by yourself and if you try you will crash and burn. That was biggest downfall. I didn't ask for help. These guys will help you but you have to ask them.

Okay, that is all. I will save the rest for my crazy past master's rants during the business meeting next year.

I'll see you on the sidelines.



Bill Young  
Worshipful Master

### Odd Jobs Team

The Odd Jobs Team is a group of Brothers who have volunteered to assist Masons and their spouses with simple Odd Jobs or tasks around the house that they cannot do on their own.

Some examples of Odd Job requests that could most likely be handled by the Odd Jobs Team include:

- Basic tasks around the yard such as mending a fence, repair a deck railing, or cleaning out the gutters.
- Simple household tasks such as fixing a loose stairway rail, changing a hard-to reach light bulb, or fixing a cabinet door.
- Other manual labor tasks that don't take extremely specialized knowledge or tools.

Unfortunately at this time we cannot offer assistance with reoccurring tasks, such as mowing or snow removal.

If you have a request, please contact the team at [OddJobsTeam@outlook.com](mailto:OddJobsTeam@outlook.com) or call the Lodge. Once we receive your request we will reach out to the different volunteers on the Odd Jobs Team to try to match your task with one or more people on the team.

A member of the team will contact you to discuss the task and once we are sure that it's something that we can safely and properly do for you, we'll schedule a time to get things started!



## From the Desk of the Secretary/Recorder

Communication between the bodies....hard to do unless you belong to all of them I can't attend a Beauceant meeting....and most are more restricted than I am

We have three very good ways of communicating.

This, the trestle board is one of them. All of the bodies should have an article in this paper, every fund raiser should have at least a quarter page ad, and if you would prefer a full page flyer, that can be arranged too. The articles don't have to be long, but they can be...we normally have 4 sheets (8 pages) but we have had as few as 3 and as many as 5...price of mailing doesn't change until we exceed 24 sheets....that's 6 pages per group. Also, the presiding officer doesn't have to write the article, they can have anyone do it, also any member of the Papillion Masonic Family can submit an article.

Second is the Templecraft meeting on the 1st Monday each month, The lodge is supposed to have the Master, Wardens, and trustees present, all other groups should have their presiding officer or their representative. The complaint I here is "all you ever talk about is the building

and the calendar." Yes, that is the bulk of the business, Like paying bills and sickness and distress take up time in a stated meeting. But if you are having a fund raiser or you want the other groups to participate in your activity it is better to sell their representative or, hopefully, their presiding officer, and have them make your case when your flyer/letter is read by the secretary/recorder.

The third and most ignored way to be in communication with the rest of the PMF are the three potlucks and the picnic. Too many times it is 3 to 5 couple from the host body and 3 or 4 people from 1 or 2 of the other groups. If only 10 people came from the host group an 4 came from each of the other groups, the would be 38 people present, that's a good turn out.

In order to get people here to support your functions, you have to support theirs, you also have to talk to one another, at social events, not just formal meeting.



Carl Highman  
Secretary

## Social Order of the Beauceant #91

It's been a pleasure serving Omaha Assembly #91 SOOB for the past year, but I look forward to fewer responsibilities during the coming year. By the time you read this article, we will have had our Thank You Party, and our Supreme Worthy President's Visit. We will have initiated two new members, and will have installed a new Worthy President, and slate of Officers for the ensuing year. Our final act in December will be a Memorial Service for our departed sisters. We miss them, but we know many of their contributions to our Assembly live on. And now, I am turning this article over to the Worthy President-Elect for her to share her greeting, and thoughts for the coming year.



Isobel Taylor  
President



Anita Sohm  
Worthy President-elect

I am very humbled and extremely honored to have been elected as Worthy President of Omaha Assembly #91. My hopes are to continue the outstanding work of Isobel Taylor and all those Presidents who came before her. The Social Order of the Beauceant is a wonderful organization open to those who are 18 years of age at the time of petitioning and are the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters or granddaughters of Knights Templar or mothers, sisters, daughters, or granddaughters of a member, who are, or were at time of decease in good standing in a Commandery or an Assembly are eligible to membership. We have meetings the first Friday of every month except July and August and we have social days on the third Friday of every month. Join us!

## PAPILLION CHAPTER #114

This is an editorial. The facts are facts but any opinions expressed are those of the author.

Papillion Chapter has never (within my memory) honored any one as "Outstanding Member of the Year" or "Most Valuable Member of the Year" or anything similar. However, I hereby nominate Sister Beverly Higgins for a title of that sort this year.

Bev went through the line and was Worthy Matron of our Chapter in 1974. She has served as an officer several times since then but she is not an officer this year. She served as Installing Marshal in January and got everybody else properly installed. I have lost track of how many times she has been Installing Marshal for us and occasionally she does that job for other chapters. She is a willing substitute and has served as a pro tem officer at a stated meeting at least 5 times so far this year.

When the Chapter has a special function like a fundraiser or a social event, we need some combination of address labels, invitations, tickets, reservations taken, entertainment planned and executed, food prepared and served etc. Bev is proficient in all of these duties and can always be found helping with one or more for every function. This year she was a one-woman committee for the Silver and Gold Tea and handled it all.

Brothers,

This year our Worshipful Master Bill Young asked the officers to plan a community service event. Brian White, a friend at work suggested the Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (HETRA).

HETRA serves a variety of participants including children and adults with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, brain tumors, head or spinal cord injuries, visual impairment, autism, development delays and strokes.

After many emails and playing calendar tag with Sara Peacock the Volunteer Coordinator and Shelby Winnail, we finally settled on a date.

On October 24, several brothers met Shelby at HETRA. We mostly worked doing some general clean up and organization of some of the storage stalls. HETRA recently finished some construction projects and wanted to tidy the area up a bit so it would look nicer as they

Papillion Chapter is responsible for cleaning the temple twice a month and Bev is a faithful member of one of those cleaning crews.

Somewhere, she finds time to be the Treasurer of our Angelmakers group and Secretary/Treasurer of our Kensington.

In case you didn't know or didn't remember, this lady had a heart attack and by-pass surgery 21 years ago and one knee replaced 6 years ago.

Right now, the other knee has forced her to slow down a little. She had this bad knee replaced on November 11th and is recuperating at home and going regularly to rehab.

If you would like to congratulate Bev for being nominated for this fictitious award or sympathize with her over the knee surgery, please contact me for her home address or email address. If you would like to vote yes or no in regard to giving her this fictitious title, my e-mail address is at the end of this article. Hope to hear from you.



Phyllis Cain, Reporter  
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directed foot traffic to that area. They also wanted to decorate the stalls for the trick or treaters they were expecting.

Shelby was grateful for all that we had done and thanked each of us. I would like to thank everyone who helped out.

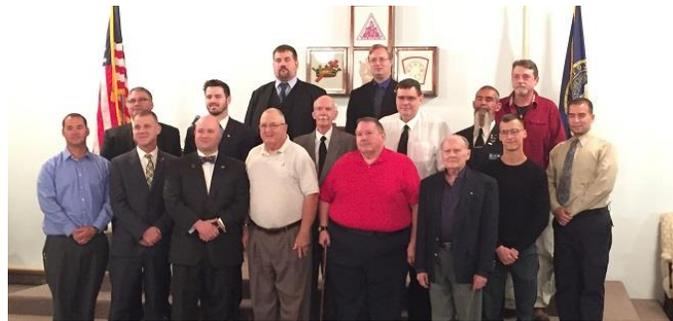


Fraternally Yours,  
Bob Lewis  
Senior Deacon

## Mt. Calvary Commandery #1

Another year is coming to an end for Mt. Calvary Commandery. 2015 has been an exiting year for us. In September we held our 150th year celebration. In 2015 Mt. Calvary has Knighted 12 new members. This is the most knightings that we have had in one year since 2002. December brings 2 events for Mt. Calvary. Friday, December 4th is our stated meeting. Our own Sir Knight, Edward Nolte, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska is making his official visit. Please try to attend as we would like to have a large turnout and you will hear some interesting information. There is a catered dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:30. Our Commander, Jeffery Coleman will be sending out an email regarding the dinner and meeting. Saturday December 5th brings the 151st Installation of Officers for Mt. Calvary. At 1:00 pm will be the Beauceant Installation and after that is the Mt. Calvary Installation. There will be refreshments afterward. The January stated meeting will be changed to Thursday, January 7th due to the holiday on our regular meeting night. Also, due to Grand Lodge, our February meeting will be held on Friday, January 29th.

On Thursday December 17th the Omaha York Rite will be having a Friendship Dinner at Bellevue Lodge. Dinner will begin at 7:00pm and we'll be providing chicken. The



rest of dinner will be a potluck, so please bring a side, salad, or desert. The dinner is open to all masons and their families, so we'd love to have you come down to Bellevue Lodge and join us! If you're planning to attend, please RSVP with Carl Highman by December 10th so we know how much chicken to bring.

Your 2016 Commandery elected officers are:

Commander - Dennis Newman

Generalissimo - AJ Johnson

Captain General - Jonathan Paz

Treasurer - Bill Stone

Recorder - Carl Highman



Dennis Newman  
Commander Elect

## 70 Year Pin

On Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> several Brothers from Papillion #39 drove down to the Masonic Home to present a 70 year pin to Brother Lorvey Schwinck.

Brother Lorvey was born on November 4<sup>th</sup> 1922. He became a Master Mason on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1945 in Jordan Lodge #27 in West Point, NE. According to a story told by Brother Cullen Pilker at the presentation, Brother Lorvey hitch-hiked from the Air Force base where he was stationed to West Point, NE in order to receive all three degrees on that day in April 1945.

He was affiliated with Papillion Lodge #39 on April 12<sup>th</sup> 1972, and during his time in Masonry he joined the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and he was Worthy Patron of Papillion Chapter #114 OES in 1978.

At the presentation ceremony, Brother Cullen told us that Brother Lorvey served in the Air Force and flew bombers in WWII and the Korean War, and he flew transport planes in the Vietnam War.



Several members of his family joined us as the Masonic Home for the presentation ceremony, as well as several masons from our Lodge and from the Masonic Home. It was a wonderful evening and I was very happy to be a part of it. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout.



Daniel Marr  
Trestleboard Editor

## Job's Daughters #1

It's hard to believe that our term is coming to an end. Honored Queen Brianna Fischbach has done an excellent job leading the Bethel this term -- we've had a lot of monkeyshines, but at the same time, we have served the community, held several successful fundraisers, helped several different charities, learned a lot and saw our Bethel grow in both numbers and knowledge.



One fun activity we had this past month was a social with Shiloh Lodge. The girls worked together to develop a theme and decorate a table for the event. They also made salads and desserts and served as hostesses for the people at their table. It was wonderful to meet some of the Masons who give us heritage.



November also found us serving pies at the Tangier Shrine Center on Veteran's Day. It was a blustery, wintery day, but that didn't stop hungry folks from stopping by and we enjoyed seeing (and feeding!) so many friendly faces.

We also had our Go-to-Church Sunday on Nov. 22. Our Bethel went to church together as a group. After



breakfast, we shopped for Christmas presents for foster children in the Project Everlast program before going to our Bethel meeting. It means a lot to our girls to give back to the community, and this was especially meaningful because we were shopping for teen girls just like our members.

As I write this, we are looking forward to a fun weekend Dec. 4-6 when Job's Daughters from around the world will gather in Omaha to celebrate Miss International Job's Daughter Sarah Leeper. The MIJD reception will also serve as the Supreme Visitation for Nebraska, and we are excited to show the Supreme Team everything that makes our state such a special place to be a Job's Daughter. We will kick off the weekend with a pizza party and lip sync battle on Friday night at



West Omaha Masonic Center. On Saturday morning, our members will gather for a memorial service at our founder Ethel T. Wead Mick's grave, followed by breakfast at Florence Presbyterian Church. We will then have a little bit of fun at Skate Daze before getting ready for the formal banquet that evening. Our Bethel will help as hosts for the worship service on Sunday morning at Papillion Masonic Center. Already, we have heard that

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**Job's Daughters #1 (cont.)**

Job's Daughters from all corners of the country have registered, so we can't wait to meet many, many new friends.



On Sunday, Dec. 27 at 2 pm, Honored Queen-Elect Sarah Remmers and her Bethel Officers will be installed. We hope that you will join us for this important celebration.

Again, we appreciate all the ways that our Masonic family members support our Bethel. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such a supportive community. Thank you! Please know that you are always welcome at any of our activities. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Respectfully submitted,  
Kori Radloff  
Bethel Guardian, Job's Daughters  
Bethel #1

**From Laughter on the Level by Martin Faulks**

Q: How many Past Masters does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None. That's the Secretary's job.

Q: How many Past Masters does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One. However, it will take him a year to find an authentic antique Edison bulb in keeping with the ancient landmarks.

Q: How many Cowans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None. They are in eternal darkness.

Q: How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Two. One to search for the light and one to raise him up.

**Red Cross Blood Drive Results**

Below are your official numbers.

**18** pints of whole blood collected. Great job! Your blood drive potentially saved **54** lives!

**The American Red Cross**

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

Papillion Community Blood Drive  
Papillion Masonic Center  
December 9th 11:30 am-5:30 pm  
Call 800-RedCross or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment  
Walk-ins are welcome!

## The Apprentice Pillar

In Scotland, south of the capital city of Edinburgh, in the region of Midlothian, lies the small village of Roslin. On the outskirts of Roslin, stands Rosslyn Chapel. Rosslyn has been referenced in works of fiction as a place of history and mystery. And likely much of what has been said about it is simply one author fabricating small myths that are repeated and incorporated into larger myths by other authors. However, beneath all of these fabrications lies a remarkable physical structure.

Founded in 1446, Rosslyn Chapel is a fascinating work of hand carved stone. Collectively, it is magnificent. Individually, many of its parts deserve special examination. The most notable is perhaps the Apprentice's Pillar. Standing near the southeast corner of the chapel, the Apprentice's Pillar [pictured to the right] is a complex and beautiful work of art. A notable legend is told about this pillar, a legend which appears to predate the many works of later fiction that use Rosslyn as a backdrop for other stories.

It seems the master mason for the construction of the chapel was approaching the point in the project where a pillar would be placed in the southeast corner. He had determined the spot, but did not have a model or outline in mind. He decided he needed to study the works of the old masters and possibly consult with more senior master masons. Hence, he traveled over 1500 miles to visit Rome.

While the master was gone, a young apprentice evaluated the spot where the pillar was to be placed and with his own ingenuity and original ideas constructed this beautiful column. It was the most ornate in the entire chapel and yet was well balanced and aesthetically pleasing.

Some months later, the master returned. Entering the chapel work site he was stunned by the apprentices work. Instead of being impressed, he was jealous and outraged at the impetuous act. He took a wooden mallet used to set stones in place and struck the apprentice on the forehead, killing him.

The story of the Apprentice's Pillar is a simple legend, not a Masonic degree or lecture and so we are not given any clear lesson to take from it, although the warning of the hubris and ego of the old master is easy to identify. But the legend gives us little context for the life story of the apprentice. Instead, we are left with the beautiful work of art that he constructed.



(Photo: The Apprentice Pillar, Rosslyn Chapel, Scotland by Diane Kenyon)

To learn more about Rosslyn Chapel please attend the Masonic Education Breakfast at Nebraska Grand Lodge, Saturday, February 6, 2016, where the topic will be: "Rosslyn Chapel: A Masonic Perspective".



WB Paul Kenyon

## December 2015 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Wednesday	Dec 2nd	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Friday	Dec 4th	9:30 AM	Beauceant Installation Practice
 Friday	Dec 4th	12:00 PM	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	Dec 4th	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
 Friday	Dec 4th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Dinner
 Friday	Dec 4th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting
PMF Saturday	Dec 5th	8:00 AM	COTS
 Saturday	Dec 5th	1:00 PM	SOOB Installation
 Saturday	Dec 5th	2:00 PM	Commandery Installation
 Sunday	Dec 6th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Sunday	Dec 6th	5:00 PM	Papillion OES #114 Pot Luck
PMF Monday	Dec 7th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Dec 8th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	Dec 9th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	Dec 9th	6:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	Dec 9th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
 Thursday	Dec 10th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	Dec 11th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Sunday	Dec 12th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Sunday	Dec 20th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Sunday	Dec 27th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Tuesday	Dec 29th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 Special Presentation

### Papillion Chapter #114 OES Pot Luck



Join Papillion Chapter on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:00 PM for a Pot Luck Dinner!

Note: The information above is pulled from the Papillion Lodge Calendar, as well as information provided to me by the leaders of the various bodies. Please make sure that the Lodge has accurate information about your events, or email me directly, if you would like activities listed on this page.

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